

REMARKS

The purpose of this amendment is to eliminate multiple claim dependencies, to cancel certain claims and to change the form of certain claims in order to comply with the requirements of U.S. PTO practice.

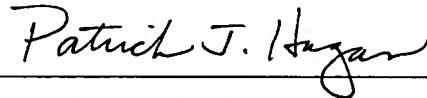
The last three (3) claims of the corresponding published international application, number 48-50, have been renumbered by this amendment as claims 50-52 to avoid duplicate claim numbering.

New claims 53 and 54 are also included with the present amendment. Support for these new claims is provided at page 31, line 1 through page 34, line 12 of the corresponding published international application.

Entry of the present amendment is hereby requested. These claim amendments are supported by the original descriptive text and claims of the corresponding published international application and do not introduce new matter into the application.

Early and favorable consideration of the application, as now amended, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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